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Mandates: 1 Hr. Constitutional Use of LE Authority, 3 Hrs. Crisis Intervention, 1 Hr. Human Rights, 1 Hr. De-Escalation Techniques, and 1 Hr. Officer Safety Techniques

P R E S E N T S

8 HOUR AUTISM AND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 – 8 AM/5 PM

LOCATION: Edwardsville Police Department
333 South Main St., Edwardsville, IL. 62025

WHO: Bart Barta, retired LEO

TO REGISTER: Please register at www.silec.org. **Limit 40.**

Autism and the Law Enforcement Response training course will provide law enforcement personnel with a basic understanding of autism and how individuals with autism behave, communicate, and react in various situations. Furthermore, it will address high-risk and crisis incidents and provide officers with tips and strategies to defuse and deescalate the situation. Additionally, it will address how to conduct interviews involving victims, witnesses, and suspects who have autism.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand what autism is and how people are affected by it
- Recognize possible signs of autism
- Understand how autism affects people differently
- Develop alternative ways of identifying people with autism
- Understand the various challenges of interviewing people with autism

- Recognize de-escalations strategies for reducing stress and anxiety in autistics
- Understand what types of crimes and schemes that people with autism are more likely to become a victim
- Recognize the importance of developing departmental policies and procedures for addressing missing person cases involving people with autism

Topics Covered:

- Typical law enforcement contacts
- Crisis intervention techniques
- Interview techniques
- Missing persons, elopement, and wandering
- Emergency/Involuntary Commitments
- Arrest and restraint
- De-escalation Techniques
- Tools of disclosure
- Available resources

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